

Minutes of March 5, 2012

The Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM; all members were present.

The meeting minutes of February 27th were approved as amended. Mr. Davis refrained from voting.

The Board reviewed a proposal from Dominion Energy for locking in a price for electric for a three year period. The proposal has been sent to Town Counsel for his approval as to form. This proposal will be put on next week's agenda if Counsel gives approval.

The Board reviewed the recommendation from Peter Marks, Highway Superintendent, regarding the probationary period for Charles Loring. Mr. Marks recommends that Mr. Loring stay on as an employee with a salary of \$17.84 an hour. A motion was made and so voted to end the probationary period and to increase the salary to \$17.84 an hour.

The Board reviewed and discussed the specifications for a new highway truck with the Highway Superintendent. The matter will be forwarded to the Finance Committee for its review.

The Chair advised that the Planning Board has received a DLT Grant through Berkshire Planning Commission for continuation of their work on the village districts.

The Chair expressed thanks on behalf all the townspeople to the Fire, Police and Highway Departments for their service at last week's fire, a job well done.

The Board will have a work meeting on Thursday, March 8th at 8:00 a.m. to review budgets and discuss salaries.

The Board reviewed and discussed a draft letter that will be sent to the School Committee, School Superintendent and the Selectmen of the other 4 towns in the district regarding the closing of community schools. The letter states that the Board would like the School Committee to form a sub-committee of 15 people with suggested tasks to complete the study.

The Board reviewed the request from Berkshire South Community Center requesting \$1,000.00. After discussion the Board decided to send a letter to Berkshire South that the Town will not be able to donate \$1,000.00 at this time.

Peter Marks, Highway Superintendent, advises that he is looking into purchasing a surplus army truck for about \$1,600.00. It would replace the two unserviceable trucks the department has and would be used to haul rocks and other roadway construction debris. He would go to Pennsylvania to inspect the vehicle and the funds for the purchase would come out of this year's budget. The Board advised that the vehicle should come with a clear title.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Skorput
Administrative Assistant